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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3738**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 7528.0003-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Todd J. MORTIER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 10/679,691	)	Examiner: D. Willse
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Filed: October 7, 2003	)	
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For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM	)	Confirmation No.: 3569
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE	)	
AND METHOD	)	

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on October 31, 2007, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections for the reasons explained in the following **Remarks** section of this paper.